

Sri T. CHANNIAH—Yes. Generally necessary precautions are taken. The Rangers are in direct charge of the work and it is their duty to see that the advances turn out proper amount of work. The Rangers whose Insurance amounts have been withheld have been grossly negligent and they have to account for heavy advances ranging from Rs. 9,000 to Rs. 20,000 outstanding against certain contractors.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—Have they not written off, in the past, advances made after having found them irrecoverable?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—There have been such instances.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Will the Government be pleased to state when the Government of Mysore introduced this scheme of Official Insurance for their employees?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I can't say offhand.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That does not arise.

Quarters for workers in the Health Units.

Q.—43. Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Mysore City South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of Health Units in the State;

(b) the number of them in Malnad and in Maidan;

(c) the special facilities given to the officers and men that work in these Units;

(d) whether they are aware that some Health Units have been started in the midst of jungles and forests to do anti-malaria work;

(e) whether they are aware that in some places there are no dwelling quarters to live in for those who work;

(f) whether it is not a fact that the Public Health Department have made repeated requests to them to build quarters first for those who work;

(g) whether they have taken any action in the matter?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) 175.

(b) Malnad ... 142
Maidan ... 33

(c) No special facilities are afforded.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes, there are no official quarters.

(f) Every effort is being made by Government to provide quarters consistent with the present financial position.

(g) Yes.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—With reference to the answer to (f), may I know whether any quarters have been built so far?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—We have built some quarters.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—How many buildings?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I am not aware of the exact number.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Are the Government aware that these officers and men that are working in these malarial units are working at great risk?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—On account of the difficult financial position it has not been possible to provide living quarters for all the officers and men and in all places.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—At the time of framing the scheme for health units, do not Government think of all these facilities such as providing quarters?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—It will be done when finances permit.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question Nos. 50, 92 and 487 are of similar nature. They may be put together.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಾದಯ್ಯ.—ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಕಾದಷ್ಟು ಕಾರಾವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ, ಸ್ವಾಮಿ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ವೃಥಾ ಪುನರಾವೃತ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ ಮೇಲೆಯೂ ಮತ್ತೆ ಅದನ್ನೇ ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಂಥದಕ್ಕೂ ಅಡಕಾಶಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದರೆ ನಾನೇನೂ ಹೇಳಲಾರೆ.

I have no objection to wait and go on as slowly as possible. They have provided quarters in several places and where there are no quarters provided, the Hon'ble Minister points out the financial difficulty.

Question Nos. 50, 92 and 487 may be put together.

Abolition of Taluk Development Committees.

Q.—50. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when the Taluk Development Committees were abolished ;

(b) the agency that is at present attending to the work formerly carried on by the Taluk Development Committees ;

(c) whether they propose to set up Committees for rural welfare work at the Taluk level ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) From 20th June 1952.

(b) The Amildar of the concerned Taluk.

(c) There is no such idea at present.

Reconstituting the present District Boards.

Q.—92. Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Mulbagal-Srinivasapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they have contemplated to reconstitute the present District Boards ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—The matter has been under the active consideration of Government since the last session of the Legislative Assembly. Government have decided to give the system of indirect elections to the District Boards recommended by the Sri Venkatappa Committee and

included in the present Act, a fair trial. They are taking action to hold the Village Panchayet elections and after these are concluded the elections to the District Boards will be arranged.

Q.—487. Sri SIDDIAH alias KUNNIAH (Gundlupet-Heggaddevankote—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when the existing District Boards were constituted ;

(b) when they were due to be reconstituted ;

(c) when the new District Boards Act was passed ;

(d) whether after the abolition of R.D. Committees according to the above Act, the amount that used to be allotted to these committees has been diverted to District Boards ;

(e) the reasons for not yet reconstituting the District Boards ;

(f) when they will reconstitute them ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) In the year 1947.

(b) 1st June 1950.

(c) 13th January 1952.

(d) The Rural Development Committees were not abolished by the Act, but by Government as a measure of retrenchment.

The Rural Development funds have not been made available to the District Boards, as the work is continued by the Government through the Revenue agency.

(e) The question of holding direct elections to the District Boards was under examination for some time. It is now decided that the system of indirect elections provided in the Act is to be followed. Action is being taken to constitute Village Panchayets.

(f) By about the end of August 1953.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—You have stated that Taluk Development Committees were abolished. What are the reasons for abolishing the Taluk Development Committees ?